Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have not formed any particular opinion upon that. It is still under correspondence.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know whether they have answered the question without forming any opinion?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They found no necessity.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Has the Diwan stayed the execution of the order till the matter is finally disposed by him?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan has issued an interim order, not a stay order.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—To what purpose is the interim order issued?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Giving certain directions to the department and the management.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this order given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Three weeks back.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were they not students of the Sixth Form?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have no information. But they were grown up boys.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there not a rule in the Education Code that in the case of those who sit for the School Final Examination or in the case of promotions in Secondary Forms a certain number of days' attendance has to be put in?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is such a rule for all the school-going population.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How did the Director come to know of the dismissal of the students?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think there was a petition from the guardian of that boy.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the reasons for the dismissal as alleged by the Manager?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—According to the Manager the boys were disobeying him and were subversive of discipline.

Copy of Diwan's Proceedings Dis. 2515/D/1100.

41. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the Diwan's Proceedings Dis. 2515/D/1100, Local and Miscellaneous Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV*).

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know the nature of the complaint that gave rise to this Proceedings?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The petitioner requested that while charging for the water consumed he should be given a free allowance for more than one house he had in his compound.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know if the spirit contained in this Proceedings is acted upon now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The new rules have not been finally issued.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—My question is whether it is acted upon now.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nothing is being done now. It is in abeyance.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know whether the Government does not insist upon separate meters being put up to entitle them to the usual free allowance? What is the practice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As to the exact practice, I want notice.

Motor Vehicles—entry into British India—Fees.

42. **Mr. T. K. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether it is a fact that Motor Vehicles registered in our State are prohibited from entering British India unless the prescribed fees are paid to the District Board;

(2) if it is so, what does the Government propose to do in the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Motor Vehicles for which toll-tax has not been paid are not allowed to ply in British territory.

(2) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—When did this matter come to the notice of the Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I cannot exactly say the date. No real complaint has come to me yet. There is only a general talk. The rules are capable of different interpretations. According to the British rule, whoever uses the car has to pay the tax. If the motor car of a resident in Cochin takes a drive along the British road it is liable to be taxed. Nobody has complained to me—no one who resides here—that he had to suffer this penalty. But there is a general rumour. I think somebody has made a representaion to the Government and not to me.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is it absolutely necessary that somebody in the State should refer the matter to the Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Unless I know there is a complaint what can I do? The rule is enforced but nobody re-

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APPENDIX IV.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Miscellaneous Department.

Read petition dated 21st Kumbham 1100 from Unniatil Gopala Menon, Ernakulam.

And (2) Correspondence ending with letter C. 281/00. dated 5th May 1925, from the Chairman, Ernakulam Municipal Council.

Order Dis. 2515/D/1100, dated 21st May 1925.

The rule requires to be liberally construed and Government must look to the spirits and not to the letter of it. To ask the petitioner to resort to another service connection is really hard when the service connection already in existence suits his purpose very well. The petitioner's request must therefore be allowed.

(2) The petitioner is referred to the Chairman for orders.

(True extract)

Sd,

Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chairman, Ernakulam Municipal Council.
,, Petitioner (para 2 only.)

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